

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—PM 48

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, which states that the Burma emergency is to continue beyond May 20, 2006, for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on May 18, 2005 (70 FR 28771).

The crisis between the United States and Burma arising from the actions and policies of the Government of Burma, including its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on May 20, 1997, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Burma and maintain in force the sanctions against Burma to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2006.

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY PROTECTING THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR IRAQ AND CERTAIN OTHER PROPERTY IN WHICH IRAQ HAS AN INTEREST—PM 49

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication.

This notice states that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as expanded in scope by Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, and modified in Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2006. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on May 20, 2005 (70 FR 29435).

The threats of attachment or other judicial process against (i) the Development Fund for Iraq, (ii) Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products, and interests therein, and proceeds, obligations, or any financial instruments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the sale or marketing thereof, or (iii) any accounts, assets, investments, or any other property of any kind owned by, belonging to, or held by, on behalf of, or otherwise for the Central Bank of Iraq create obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq. Accordingly, these obstacles continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency protecting the Development Fund for Iraq, certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, and the Central Bank of Iraq, and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2006.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:41 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1165. An act to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii.

S. 1869. An act to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4200. An act to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting Federal lands under their jurisdiction, including the removal of dead and damaged trees and the implementation of reforestation treatments, to support the recovery of non-Federal lands damaged by catastrophic events, to revitalize Forest

Service experimental forests, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4200. An act to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting Federal lands under their jurisdiction, including the removal of dead and damaged trees and the implementation of reforestation treatments, to support the recovery of non-Federal lands damaged by catastrophic events, to revitalize Forest Service experimental forests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 18, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1165. An act to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii.

S. 1869. An act to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6897. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's authorization request for fiscal years 2007 and 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6898. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "Improving Lead-Based Paint Investigations Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6899. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "31 CFR Parts 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 560, 588, 594, and 595; Iranian Assets Control Regulations, Narcotics Trafficking Sanctions Regulations, Burmese Sanctions Regulations, Sudanese Sanctions Regulations, Weapons of Mass Destruction Trade Control Regulations, Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Agreement Assets Control Regulations, Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations, Syrian Sanctions Regulations, Iranian Transactions Regulations, Western Balkans Stabilization Regulations, Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, Terrorism Sanctions Regulations" received on May 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6900. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 CFR part 707—Truth in Savings" (RIN3133-AC57) received on May 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6901. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "Computer Security Enhancement Act of 2006"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6902. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Inspector General Semi-annual Report to Congress for the six-month period ending March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6903. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Reporting Regulation" (RIN3209-AA00 and RIN3290-AA09) received on May 17, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6904. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Areas; Order Amending Orders" (DA-06-06; AO-14-A75, et al.) received on May 17, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6905. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and in Umatilla County, Oregon; Suspension of Handling Regulations, Establishment of Reporting Requirements, and Suspension of the Fresh Prune Import Regulation" (FV06-924-1 IFR) received on May 17, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6906. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Order: Adjust Representation on the Hass Avocado Board" (FV-06-701-IFR) received on May 17, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6907. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standby Support for Certain Nuclear Plant Delays" (RIN1901-AB17) received on May 17, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6908. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6909. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6910. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq

Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the December 15, 2005 through February 15, 2006 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1899. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-255).

By Mr. CRAPO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2856. An original bill to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-256).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Craig R. McKinley to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. William M. Fraser III to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Kevin P. Chilton to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Norman R. Seip to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. James G. Roudebush to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Lawrence A. Stutzriem to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Linda K. McTague to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert J. Elder, Jr. to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Victor E. Renuart, Jr. to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Elder Granger to be Major General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. David F. Melcher to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Stephen M. Speakes to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Ronald D. Silverman to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Michael A. Ryan to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Stephen V. Reeves to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Jr. to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Alan T. Baker to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Robert F. Burt to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nomination of Capt. Gregory J. Smith to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nominations beginning with Captain Townsend G. Alexander and ending with Captain Edward G. Winters III, which nominations were received by the Senate and ap-

peared in the Congressional Record on May 9, 2006.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Rosalind L. Abdulkhalik and ending with Jesse B. Zydallis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2006.

Air Force nominations beginning with Steven L. Alger and ending with Rachelle Paulkagiri, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 24, 2006.

Army nomination of Chantel Newsome to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Kenneth A. Kraft to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Mark A. Burdt and ending with Robert L. Porter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 27, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Betty J. Williams and ending with Henry R. Lemley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 27, 2006.

Army nomination of Thomas F. Nugent to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael F. Lorich to be Major.

Army nomination of Brian O. Sargent to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Brian K. Hill and ending with Charles W. Wallace, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 27, 2006.

Navy nominations beginning with Robert J. Tate and ending with Edward A. Sylvestor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 24, 2006.

Navy nominations beginning with William L. Yarde and ending with Bruce R. Deschere, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 24, 2006.

Navy nominations beginning with Gregory G. Allgaier and ending with Timothy J. Yanik, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 24, 2006.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first